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FOR HARTMAN ONLY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR YO US
SUBJ: DUBROVNIK ROUND TABLE

REF: STATE 219753

1. I HAVE GIVEN THOUGHT TO THE ROUND TABLE ISSUE AND APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS REFTEL. ALTHOUGH, AS I OUTLINE BELOW, I STILL HAVE RESERVATIONS, I HAVE INSTRUCTED MY PAO TO BEGIN THE PROGRAMMING PROCESS FOR THE CFR PARTICIPANTS AS SOON AS HE COMES BACK FROM THE ZAGREB FALL FAIR. AS YOU KNOW I HAVE A HIGH REGARD FOR JIM LOWENSTEIN.

2. I UNDERSTAND GRIFFITH IS TOUGH IN HIS VIEW ON YUGOSLAVIA, BUT I HAVE SPOKEN WITH JOHN CAMPBELL AND READ MUCH OF HIS MATERIAL AND DISAGREE SIGNIFICANTLY WITH HIM. AS TO AMBASSADOR KENNAN HIS MEMOIRES MADE CLEAR THAT HIS RESIGNATION WAS ON AN ISSUE CONCERNING EXPRESSED DISDAINFUL VIEWS CONCERNING THE AMERICAN POLITICAL PROCESS AND POLITICIANS WHICH I HAVE ALWAYS FOUND OFFENSIVE.) UNDOUBTEDLY, THE YUGOSLAVS WILL TRY TO PLAY GAMES AND DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY MAKE THE INEVITABLE INVIDIOUS COMPARISONS AS TO HOW US AMBASSADORS ARE TO ACT TOWARD YUGOSLAVIA. THE ISSUE IS NOT WHETHER AMBASSADOR KENNAN SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT SPEAK IN YUGOSLAVIA; IT IS ONLY A QUESTION OF HOW MUCH
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WITHSTANDING, I WILL HAVE USIS WORK UP A PROGRAM.

3. PERHAPS YOU MIGHT CONSIDER HAVING JIM LOWENSTEIN
TAKE THE LEAD IN SEEING WHETHER THE CFR PARTICIPANTS
WOULD BE ABLE TO GET TOGETHER WITH ME AND SOME MEMBERS
OF MY STAFF BEFORE THE ROUND TABLE. IDEALLY THE EMBASSY
WOULD BE THE PLACE TO DO THIS. LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU
AND JIM THINK.
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